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After this discourse, he examines what is related of a certain Spice, called *Pimienta di Chiapa*, which *Chiapa* is a province of *Gnatimala* in New Spain; and esteems that Spice to be the same with what *Hernandez* describes under the name of *Xocoxacible*, or *Pepe di Tavasco*: which by his description seems to be the very same with our *Jamaica-pepper*, it having those several tasts of *Cloves*, *Pepper*, *Cinamon*, *Ginger*. Meantime the virtue, for which it is by writers commended, against the Epilepsy and the *Gutta serena*, he saith he could never find in it, though he acknowledg'd it to be a good *Cephalic*, and very *Stomachical*.

Next, he speaks of the praises given to *China-fennel* against many infirmities, though he found it little better than the European Fennel, *Annis*, and *Cumin*. What *Ximenes* relates of the chips of *Sassafras*, that, being kept 7 or 8 days in Sea-water, they make it fresh and potable, he was not so happy to find true, though he kept *Sassafras* thin sliced, in considerable quantity, infused 20 days in a small proportion of Sea-water. What is written of the Root *John Lopez Pineiro*, growing in *Zanguebar* in Africa, and of the Root *Della Manique*, both commended for their virtue of Infallibly curing *Tertians* and *Quartans*, and the bitings and stingings of venomous animals, he had neither the good fortune to discover. Further, what is recorded of the shrub of *Cheggio*, a lactescent plant, found in *Cambaja*, that the knobs and beards of it, that look *Nord-ward*, are only Anti-apoplectical, but those that look *South-ward*, are so far from being endow'd with that virtue, that they are poisonous and deadly; he could not find to answer his Tryals: Neither could he find any great matter in the celebrated wood of *Calamba*, nor the *Vanillas*, nor the wood of *Labor* and *Solor*. But he must acknowledge the virtue of the Bark of the *Persian Tree* in *Gua-jachil*, known by the name of *China di China*, curing *Quartans* and all sorts of *Tertians*. He wisheth, it were as true, what is recorded in the praise of those two Herbs of *China*, called *Pusu* and *Gudseng*, whereof the former is said to render men *Immortal*, the other, to preserve them always in good health.

He cannot believe what *Martinius* in his *Atlas* relates of certain Fiery Pits in *China*, able to dress any meat in them, and uncapable to consume wood: Nor what is written of the two Rivers, *Ghiemo* and *Io*, in the province of *Xenf*, the waters of which are said to be so pure and light, that the lightest straw sinks in them: Nor that the Leaves of certain Trees are metamorphos'd into Swallows; nor lastly, that in the Seas of *China* there are certain scaly Fishes of a Saffron-colour, which in winter live in the water, but in spring cast their scales, get feathers and wings, and so fly a shore into the woods, and their live all summer and autumn, but then return to their former shape and betake themselves again to the habitation of the Sea.

*Errata left un-corrected in N. 90.*

*In the Dedication p. ult. l. 8. for Rhine r. Rhone. p. 5166. l. 32. r. above it. p. 5167. l. 7. r. what the other. p. 5168. l. 27. r. than is ordinarily accountable for.*

*Errat. in this Numb. Pag. 5177. l. 9. in the margin r. diminut.*

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